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Online Filing Sets New Record; More than 17 Million Returns e-filed by Home Computer Users

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WASHINGTON — Computer users are preparing and filing their income tax returns electronically in record numbers, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

As of Thursday, April 13, the IRS had received a total of 17,629,831 e-filed returns from computer users, surpassing last year's yearlong total of 17,100,353 returns. It also represents a 15% increase over last year at this time.

"We are seeing the greatest growth for e-file among those filing from a home computer," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "We have already surpassed last year's total, and people can e-file, with an extension, until Oct. 16."

People still have time to electronically file their returns. Because the IRS confirms receipt of an electronically-filed return, e-filing can take the worry out of meeting next week's tax-filing deadline. E-filers get their refunds in half the time, and people who owe money can choose to pay what they owe, electronically.

Those who need extra time can electronically request an automatic six-month tax-filing extension. The IRS will continue accepting e-filed 2005 returns until Oct. 16, 2006.

Information about no-cost and low-cost electronic filing services can be found on the e-file section of IRS.gov.